

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT (IR)

On 8-18-00 BCI Special Agents Dennis DiRienzo and Gerry Mroczkowski conducted an interview of [REDACTED], of The New Philadelphia Police Department, regarding [REDACTED] paying probation fees for LOLA ARRENDONDO. The interview was conducted in the law office of RICK HINIG, [REDACTED] attorney. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] has been employed, as a police officer, at The New Philadelphia Police Department, for six years. He was promoted to the rank of [REDACTED] on 6-30-00. At The New Philadelphia Police Department [REDACTED] always worked uniform duties; he never worked any plain-clothes assignments. Prior to being a New Philadelphia Police Officer [REDACTED] was a police officer at The Cleveland Housing Authority. He was a uniform officer and also a drug investigator. Prior to working at The Cleveland Housing Police Department [REDACTED] was an auxiliary police officer and dispatcher for The Sheffield Village Police Department. He began his career in law enforcement in 1988.

[REDACTED] met ARRENDONDO approximately one year ago while she was working at DON PANCHO'S Restaurant. They were friends, never dated and talked a lot using a computer program named instant messenger. [REDACTED] used to date ARRENDONDO's aunt, LENA PRICE prior to meeting ARRENDONDO.

ARRENDONDO told [REDACTED] she was arrested for theft after she had entered a plea and had been sentenced. [REDACTED] told ARRENDONDO that if she did not pay her court and probation fees a warrant would be issued and she would be arrested. ARRENDONDO was not employed at the time and [REDACTED] offered to make a payment to the court with the understanding that she would reimburse him. [REDACTED] made one payment of either \$20.00 or \$30.00. The payment was made in cash.

ARRENDONDO went to Texas to visit her father during the summer of 2000. She and [REDACTED] continued to communicate using instant messenger. ARRENDONDO again asked about the consequences of not paying the fees and was told she would be arrested. [REDACTED] offered to make a second payment. Approximately one month later [REDACTED] received a letter and check for \$300.00 from either ARRENDONDO's mother or grandmother. He deposited the check into his checking account at The Dover New Philadelphia Credit Union. ARRENDONDO may have discussed the check with him one day prior to [REDACTED] receiving it. The letter indicated the money was to

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be used to pay ARRENDONDO's fines. [REDACTED] and ARRENDONDO communicated after the check was mailed and [REDACTED] told ARRENDONDO he would pay the fines. Approximately one week later, [REDACTED] told ARRENDONDO he forgot to pay the fees. Approximately one or two weeks later ARRENDONDO paged [REDACTED] and he contacted her. She said her mother or grandmother had received a notice, from the court, stating the fines had not been paid. [REDACTED] paid the fees. [REDACTED] said he was not reimbursed for the first payment he made.